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Mr. Mark Lynn  
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Dear Mark,

As you requested, we went out to the Kelly Cemetery this past Friday (July 6) and conducted some additional penetrometer work on the area between the brick wall and Kathwood Drive. Our focus was primarily on the area southwest of the cemetery entrance drive — the area which had been recently cleaned off by the city.

We immediately identified the rectangular depression which you mentioned at our last meeting. Based on this brief review the depression is most likely a grave. I base this on the rectangular shape, the orientation which is consistent with known graves within the cemetery walls, and the penetrometer readings which reveal low psi readings for this depression compared with surrounding soil. During the brief investigation we identified at least 10 probable graves in the area southwest of the entrance drive (see the attached map). These probable graves appear to form perhaps three rows extending under the wall and into the lot.

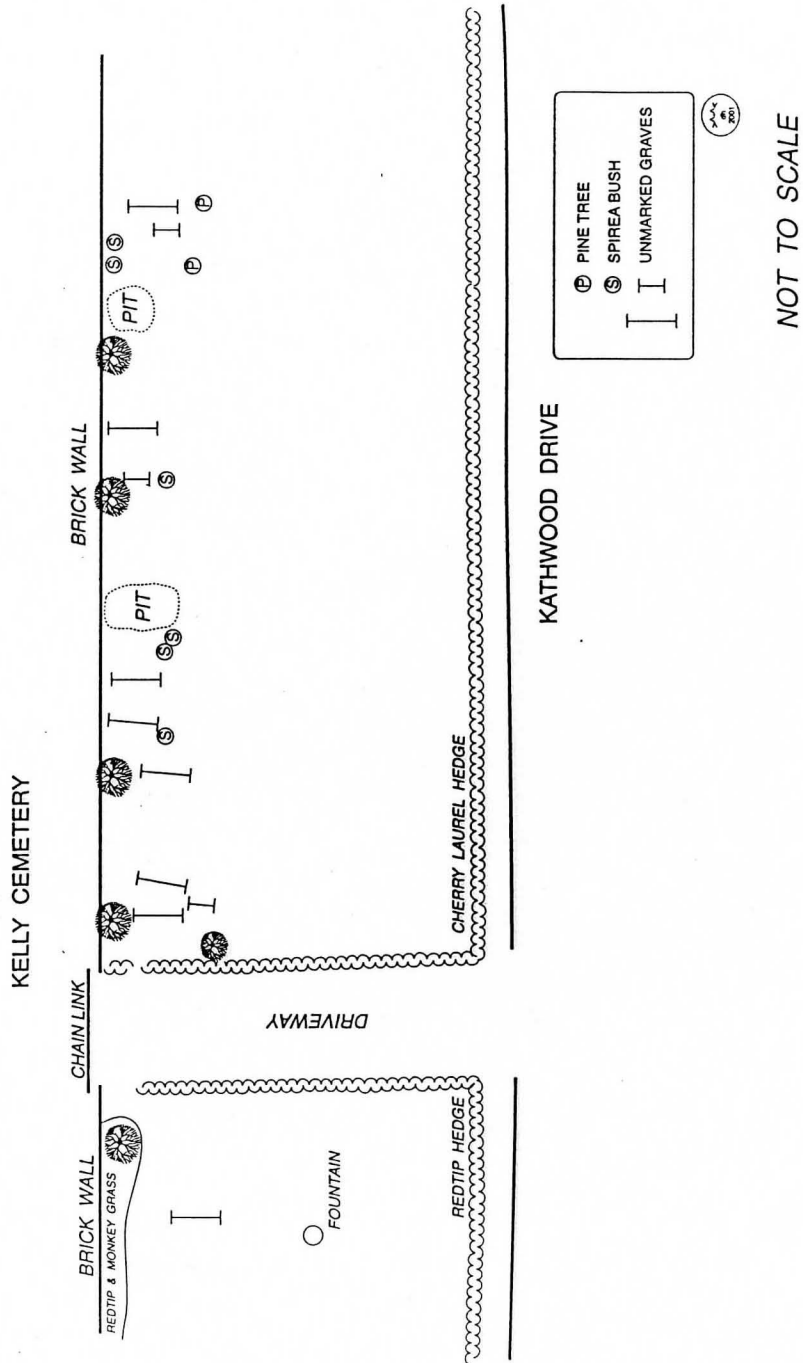
The penetrometer study included some areas in the center of the lot, as well as some adjacent to the road. In fact, along the edge of the road we observed a series of depressions which at first glance were thought to be possible graves. Our work in these areas failed to reveal any clear evidence of graves. After considerable penetrometer work, we believe that the depressions along the road edge are most likely plantings for some type of shrubbery — perhaps the roses which oral history reports were planted on this lot.

We also went into the grassed section northeast of the cemetery drive and immediately noticed one depression visible in the raking light. The penetrometer suggests that this, too, is a grave. Since this area is grassed, well-cared for, and does not appear to be threatened, we spent no additional time looking for graves, although I suspect that others exist.

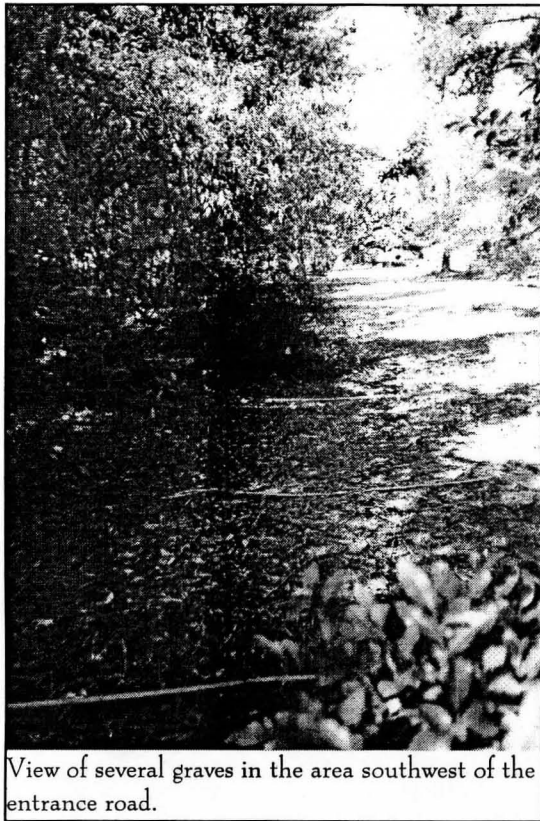


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View of several graves in the area southwest of the entrance road.

Based on this brief examination it seems that the boundary of the cemetery originally extended at least 20 to 30 feet further to the northwest — on both sides of the access drive. I am revising our archaeological site form (38RD1178) to reflect these findings and presumed boundaries. While it would be ideal to know the exact boundaries, I believe that we have found a sufficient number of probable graves to support the refinement of the boundaries. Moreover, there is good evidence that the graves don't extend all the way to the road.

As you understand, I can't offer legal advice since I am not an attorney. You may, however, want to consult with an attorney in an effort to restore this lost ground to the cemetery. This seems to me to be the only certain way of ensuring that these graves are not damaged or destroyed by future development activities. Of course the graves, even those outside the fence, are protected by South Carolina law — but relying on this law would require criminal prosecution should development

activities take place. It seems far better to ensure that no such disturbances occur.

I hope that this information is of assistance. Attached for your information is a sketch map of the property. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike".

Michael Trinkley, Ph.D., RPA  
Director

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